

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Approved By IEB
INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD - FISCAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

State Dept: Higher Education Amount: \$310,000..... Agenda No.: 6
State Agency: Univ of LA Board of Supervisors
Other Entity: University of Louisiana at Lafayette ☒ State Agency ☐ Local Political Subdivision

Summary of Request:

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette is requesting \$310,000 to repair a collapsed brick veneer wall and remediate the remaining brick veneer panels at Cajun Field, the university's football stadium.

Was this request:

In agency budget request for current fiscal year?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Recommended in Executive Recommendations?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Amended into or out of the appropriation or capital outlay bills?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Was this item vetoed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Considered by the Interim Emergency Board prior to this request?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
An emergency as defined by Act 334 of 1984?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

History / Pertinent Information / Analysis relative to this request:

Cajun Field is a 26,000 seat football stadium for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The stadium construction began in 1968 and was opened in 1970. The stadium also serves as a primary student parking lot. There are sixteen brick veneer panels (25.3 feet high x 36.0 feet wide) on the exterior walls of the stadium (eight on the west side and eight on the east side).

On February 22, 2009 one of the brick veneer walls collapsed. Subsequently, Bellard & Associates, Inc. was hired to provide an engineering analysis, which revealed a structural deficiency in the ties that attach the brick veneer panel to the stadium structure. This deficiency was found in the panel that collapsed, as well as the other fifteen panels. It was determined that the same failure, which is a potential hazard to life and property, is likely to occur at the other panels if repair and retrofitting is not done. According to the findings, the effects of substandard construction standards, moisture induced corrosion, foundation failure, and moderately high wind gusts caused the brick veneer to collapse.

The firm recommends repairing the collapsed wall and remediating the remaining walls for a total cost of \$308,423. The funds will be expended as follows:

\$178,650 - Repair and secure all 16 brick veneer panels
\$ 48,163 - General Conditions (25% - bonding, insurance, etc.)
\$ 14,000 - Site work (dirt work and grass sod/seed)
\$ 3,000 - Soil Testing
\$ 36,572 - Contingencies (15%)
\$ 28,038 - Professional Fees (10%)
\$308,423 Total

The UL Board and the Board of Regents has approved this request and is requesting the State Interim Emergency Board to address the repairs at Cajun Field.

According to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette budget request Form BOR-7, Report on Special Funds, there is approximately \$2 million in Building Use Fees for educational and general capital purposes available. The balance in the Building Use Fee Fund is not available as current obligations for other ULL projects will exceed the amount in the fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of this IEB request in the amount of \$310,000.

THE INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD APPROVED THIS REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$310,000.

October 9, 2009